

Main St. Jeddo, N.Y.

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Our photo showing "Main St. Jeddo, N.Y." was taken about 100 years ago. It shows the store of J. Payne that was located on the north side of Ridge Road, a little east of the creek.

The 1903 Orleans County Directory lists Josiah Payne as J Payne & Co. general merchants. It is also noted that Mr. Payne is postmaster and justice of the peace.

Jeddo had a post office from 1848 to 1904. Josiah Payne served as the last postmaster from 1897 to March 1904 when the post office was discontinued.

Since there is no signage for the post office in the picture, it's fair to assume our photo was taken after March 1904. It's also fair to assume that the man standing on the edge of the



porch is Josiah Payne. Ridge Road. A utility pole by the carriage was for the telephone wires. In many rural cases

phone service came through decades before electric power.

And it would be two decades after this picture was taken that the Ridge Road would be paved.

Things displayed on the porch do indicate general merchandise. We see here a coil of woven wire fence, lawn mowers, rakes and a grind stone.

A sign hanging off the porch roof advertises "Wiard Plows" which were manufactured in Batavia.

We also see here a horse and carriage tied to a hitching post that are located on an unpaved